

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A telephone apparatus comprising:
a telephone including
 a telephone base, and
 a cordless handset having a built-in keypad and ~~an internal~~
~~operating circuit~~ including a control circuit connected with the keypad for accepting
keying signals from the keypad ~~of the telephone~~ to process a telephone call;
 a remote controller separate from the telephone base and the cordless handset,
including a built-in keypad for generating keying signals and an internal signal transmitter
for transmitting the keying signals from the keypad of the remote controller wirelessly;
and
 a signal receiver located in the handset of the telephone and connected to the
control circuit for receiving the wireless keying signals from the signal transmitter and
relaying the wireless keying signals to the control circuit for processing of a telephone
call.
2. (Currently Amended) The telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the signal receiver and the keypad of the ~~telephone~~ cordless handset are separately
connected directly to the control circuit for alternative independent use.
3. (Currently Amended) The telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the keypad of the remote controller comprises a first key for activating the ~~telephone~~
cordless handset, a second key for deactivating the telephone, and "0" to "9", "*", and "#"
keys for dialing.

4. (Currently Amended) The telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the telephone~~ cordless handset includes a speaker and a microphone connected to the control circuit for operation, and the keypad of the remote controller includes a key for activating the ~~telephone~~ cordless handset in a speakerphone mode.

5. (Currently Amended) The telephone apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the signal transmitter and the signal receiver communicate by infrared signal.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).